

STACEY BEALL **Plaintiff**

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Cause N**3 - 06 UV - 0153 N**

MARAUDER CORPORATION Defendant

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DEFENDANT MARAUDER CORPORATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant Marauder Corporation, by its attorney, Gary MacInnis, hereby removes the above captioned action from the District Court in and for Dallas County, Texas, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, §1446, §1331, and §1332, and states:

- 1.) The petition was served upon Marauder Corporation on December 27, 2005. Accordingly this Notice of Removal is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- The District Court in and for Dallas County, Texas, is located within the Northern 2.) District of Texas, Dallas Division. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 USC §89(c) because it is "the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending." See 28 USC §1441 (a).
- No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein. 3.)
- Pursuant to 28 USC §1446(a), a copy of all pleadings and citations served upon 4.) Marauder Corporation are attached as an exhibit. Pursuant to 28 USC §1446(d), a copy of this notice of removal is being served upon counsel for plaintiff, and a copy is being filed with the Dallas County District Clerk.

FEDERAL QUESTION

- 4.) Removal is appropriate because the suit could have been brought in federal district court, as "founded on a claim or right arising under the constitution, treaties, or laws of the United States."
- 5.) The petition filed in state court alleges a cause of action under the Texas Finance Code §392.001, but the petition also alleges a cause of action under a federal statute, to wit: 15 U.S.C. §1692, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Several applicable federal citations upon which this claim arises are: 15 U.S.C. §1692(e)(2); 15 U.S.C. §1692(e)(4); 15 U.S.C. §1692(e)(5); 15 U.S.C. §1692(e)(10); 15 U.S.C. §1692(f); 15 U.S.C. §1692(d). The factual allegations which give rise to a cause of action under federal law are set forth in paragraph 14 of the plaintiff's petition.
- 6.) Plaintiff has pled a cause of action under 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq. The petition describes acts committed by the employees of Defendant Marauder Corporation which violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

DIVERSITY

7.) The Plaintiff is a citizen of Texas. The Defendant is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California. The amount in controversy is in excess of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) because in addition to actual and statutory damages, treble damages pursuant the deceptive trade practices act, attorney fees and costs, the plaintiff seeks an injunction which would proscribe the collection activities of Defendant and this injunction would result in losses to defendant in excess of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00). The court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(c)(1).

WHEREFORE, Defendant Marauder Corporation removes this action from the District Court in and for Dallas County, Texas, bearing cause number 05-12269, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 20, 2006, a copy of the foregoing notice of removal with all attachments was sent by first class mail to:

Dallas County District Clerk

Civil Division 600 Commerce

Dallas, Texas 75202

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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CAUSE NO. 🕖		13164
STACEY BEALL,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Plaintiff,	§ §	
v.	8 8 8	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
MARAUDER CORPORATION,	\$ \$ 8	
Defendant.	8 §	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff Stacey Beall (hereinafter "Ms. Beall") files this petition and for cause of action will show the following:

Discovery Control Plan

1. The Plaintiff intends that discovery in this case is to be conducted under Level 2, as described by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.

Parties

- 2. The Plaintiff is an individual who resides and did reside in Dallas County,
 Texas at all relevant times.
- 3. Defendant Marauder Corporation (hereinafter "Marauder") is, upon information and belief, a California corporation. Upon information and belief, Marauder has done business in and/or directed acts toward Texas sufficient that Texas has general jurisdiction, and/or in the alternative specific jurisdiction, over Marauder. Marauder has done business in the state of Texas, in accordance with the meaning of such term pursuant to Section 17.042 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, because it has

committed a tort against the Plaintiff in whole or in part in this state. Despite having engaged in business in Texas, Marauder has not designated nor maintained a registered agent for service of process. Further, upon information and belief, Marauder does not maintain a regular place of business in Texas. Because this suit arises out of Marauder's business done in this state, and Marauder is a party to this suit, the Texas Secretary of State shall be an agent for service of process upon Marauder in accordance with Section 17.044 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Therefore, in accordance with Section 17.045 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, the Texas Secretary of State shall be Marauder's agent for service of process and shall be served as such in this lawsuit. Service upon the Texas Secretary of State of duplicate copies of this petition and a citation directed to Marauder shall be made personally or by United States mail, certified, return receipt requested, to the Texas Secretary of State at 1019 Brazos Street, Austin, Texas 78701. The Texas Secretary of State shall immediately cause one of the copies thereof of both this petition and the citation to be forwarded by United States mail, certified, return receipt requested to, upon information and belief Marauder's home office at 74923 Highway 111, Suite 218, Indian Wells, California 92210. Service upon the Secretary of State shall be returnable in not less than thirty (30) days. Marauder acted at all relevant times through its agents and/or employees.

Jurisdiction

4. The court has general jurisdiction, and in the alternative specific jurisdiction, over Marauder because, upon information and belief, (1) it has routinely and purposefully done business in the State of Texas, (2) it committed a tort in whole or in

part in Texas against a Texas resident, and/or (3) its minimum contacts with the State of Texas are sufficient that substantial justice and fair play allow Texas state courts to exercise jurisdiction over it.

The Plaintiff is not currently seeking a total of more than the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. The Plaintiff is also not currently asserting any claim arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.

Venue

Venue is proper in Dallas County. Specifically, venue is mandatory in 6. Dallas County because it is the county where all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

Factual Allegations

- 7. Marauder attempted to collect from Ms. Beall an alleged consumer. Unfortunately, rather than utilizing proper collection techniques, Marauder violated consumer protection law.
- 8. Ms. Beall received a voicemail message at her place of employment asking her to call "CPS." CPS is a well-known acronym in Texas for a government agency known as "Child Protective Services." Ms. Beall panicked, because she believed that the call could be related to her sister's children. Her sister was at the time involved in a divorce proceeding.
- Ms. Beall returned the call and spoke, upon information and belief, to a 9. Marauder employee and/or agent utilizing the name "Michelle Black." Ms. Black told

Ms. Beall that Ms. Beall owed "Cashnet 500" over \$800.00. Ms. Black further stated that, if Ms. Beall did not pay the alleged debt that day, Ms. Beall's office would be shut down, her computers would be confiscated, and she would lose her job. Ms. Black also threatened that Ms. Beall would be arrested for fraud. Ms. Beall, continuing in her panicked state, told Ms. Black that she would call her back.

- 10. Ms. Beall's parents were in Colorado for a family function. Despite attempts, she was unable to contact them. Ms. Beall called Ms. Black and told her that Ms. Beall was unable to reach her father due to him being in Colorado. Ms. Black stated that Ms. Beall's parents would be located in Colorado and arrested. Ms. Beall began to weep. Ms. Beall then stated that she would call her sister for assistance.
- Ms. Beall called her sister for assistance. Ms. Beall's sister called her 11. Ms. Beall's sister's boyfriend called Ms. Beall for details regarding boyfriend. Marauder's allegations.
- 12. Ms. Beall was shaking and paranoid about police officers arresting her. Ms. Beall called Ms. Black, and Ms. Black demanded that either Ms. Beall's father or Ms. Beall's sister's boyfriend provide a credit card number to pay the alleged debt. Ms. Black threatened that Ms. Beall would be arrested if she failed to pay the alleged debt in that manner.
- Upon information and belief, one or more Marauder debt collectors called 13. Ms. Beall's supervisor and Ms. Beall's employer's administrative assistant. Marauder harassed and threatened Ms. Beall to the point that she was afraid to leave her home. Ms. Beall suffered damages as a result of Marauder's actions. Ms. Beall is also entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs.

Cause of Action for Violation of Chapter 392 of the Texas Finance Code

In the alternative, without waiving any of the other causes of action pled 14. herein, without waiving any procedural, contractual, statutory, or common-law right, and incorporating all other allegations herein to the extent they are not inconsistent with the cause of action pled here. Marauder is liable to the Plaintiff for violating portions of the Texas Finance Code applicable to the collection of consumer debts. Marauder acted as a debt collector and/or third-party debt collector when attempting to collect a consumer debt from the Plaintiff-consumer, as such terms are defined in Texas Finance Code §392.001. Marauder violated at least the following sections and paragraphs of the Texas Finance Code:

Section 392.101 by failing to obtain and have on file with the Texas Secretary of State a surety bond meeting the statutory requirements.

Section 392.301 by using threats, coercion, or attempts to coerce that employ one or more of the following listed practices:

threatening that the debtor will be arrested for nonpayment of a consumer debt without proper court proceedings;

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807 (2) (8) threatening to file a charge, complaint, or criminal action against a debtor when the debtor has not violated a criminal law; and/or

threatening to take an action prohibited by law.

Section 392.302(1) by oppressing, harassing, or abusing a person by using profane or obscene language or language intended to abuse unreasonably the hearer or 15USC 1692d 55806 reader.

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Section 392.304 by using a fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representation

that employs one or more of the following listed practices:

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misrepresenting the character, extent, or amount of a consumer debt, or (8)misrepresenting the consumer debt's status in a judicial or governmental proceeding;

- representing falsely the status or nature of the services rendered by the (14)debt collector or the debt collector's business; and/or
- (19)using any other false representation or deceptive means to collect a debt or 807 (10) obtain information concerning a consumer.

15 USC/681

The Plaintiff seeks (1) injunctive relief to prevent or restrain a violation of one or more of the above-described sections and/or paragraphs, (2) actual and/or any available statutory damages sustained as a result of such violations, and (3) attorneys' fees and costs.

Cause of Action for Unreasonable Collection Efforts

In the alternative, without waiving any of the other causes of action herein, 15. without waiving any procedural, contractual, statutory, or common-law right, and incorporating all other allegations herein to the extent they are not inconsistent with the cause of action pled here, Marauder is liable to the Plaintiff for its unreasonable collection efforts. The Plaintiff has a right to be free from unreasonable and wrongful collection and/or repossession efforts. See, e.g., Moore v. Savage, 359 S.W.2d 95 (Tex. Civ. App.—Waco 1962, writ ref'd n.r.e). Marauder's collection efforts were unreasonable Marauder's unreasonable collection efforts proximately caused the and wrongful.

Plaintiff to suffer injury, including but not necessarily limited to humiliation and mental anguish.

Request for Permanent Injunction

16. The court should permanently enjoin Marauder following trial of this cause from committing acts in violation of the statute(s) cited herein, with regard to actions related to the Plaintiff.

Attorneys' Fees

17. The court should award the Plaintiff attorneys' fees for all causes of action herein supporting such an award.

Request for a Record

18. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 52.046, the Plaintiff hereby requests that an official court reporter attend and make a full record of all hearings in this case.

Request for Disclosure

19. Pursuant to Rule 194, you (the natural or legal person defendant upon whom this petition is served) are requested to disclose, within 50 days after service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

Prayer

- 20. For these reasons, the Plaintiff asks that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and that the Plaintiff have judgment for damages within the jurisdictional limits of the court and against the Defendant for:
 - a) actual damages;
 - b) any statutory damages;
 - c) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate;
 - d) legally-available reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees;
 - e) costs;
 - f) a permanent injunction against Marauder enjoining it from committing the unlawful conduct described in this petition; and
 - g) all other relief, general and special, legal and equitable, to which the Plaintiff is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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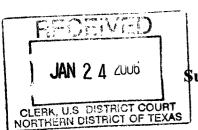
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Supplemental Civil Cover Sheet For Cases Removed From State Court

This form must be attached to the Civil Cover Sheet at the time the case is filed in the U.S. District Clerk's Office. Additional sheets may be used as necessary.

1. State Court Information:

Please identify the court from which the case is being removed and specify the number assigned to the case in that court.

Court

Case Number

Dallas County District Court

05-12269

2. Style of the Case:

Please • include all Plaintiff(s), Defendant(s), Intervenor(s), Counterclaimant(s), Crossclaimant(s) and Third Party Claimant(s) still remaining in the case and indicate their party type. Also, please list the attorney(s) of record for each party named and include their bar number, firm name, correct mailing address, and phone number (including area code.)

Party and Party Type STACEY BEALL, PLAINTIFF		Attorney(s) Dean Malone, State Bar No. 24003265 900 Jackson St. Suite 730 Dallas, Texas 75202		
MARAUDER CORPOR	RATION	(214) 670-9989 phone Gary MacInnis, State Bar No. 12774500		
3. Jury Demand:		P.O. Box 91926 Austin, Texas 78709-1926		
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If "Yes," by which party and on what date?				
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	Was an Answer made in State Court?	• Yes	• No
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STACEY BEALL, PLAINTIFF

Plaintiff claims Defendant violated fair debt collection practises act.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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